

Local Inquiries (Ireland) Bill.

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Provide for the establishment of a Tribunal for the conduct
of Local Inquiries relating to Private Bills in Ireland. A.D. 1881.

WHEREAS legislation for Ireland by private bill is attended with much expense by reason of the necessity for the Committee of Parliament, to which such a private bill is referred, having to conduct its proceedings and hear evidence touching such bill at a distance from the locality interested in such bill, and industrial enterprise and social improvement in Ireland are thereby rendered difficult :

And whereas it is expedient to diminish such expense, and to provide facilities for legislation by private bill as regards Ireland :

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1. This Act may be cited as the Local Inquiries (Ireland) Act, 1881. Short title.

2. Private bill within the meaning of this Act shall include any private bill for any of the following purposes ; that is to say, burial ground making, maintaining, or altering ; charters and corporations, enlarging or altering powers of ; city or town, paving, lighting, watching, cleansing, or improving ; company, incorporating, regulating, or giving powers to ; fishery, making, maintaining, or improving ; railway ; tramway ; gaswork ; land, inclosing, draining, or improving ; market or market place, erecting, improving, repairing, maintaining, or regulating ; and also any private bill within the second class of private bills in the House of Commons Standing Orders, 1878. Bills to be referred to the tribunal.

3. A branch of the Private Bill Office, to be called the " Irish Private Bill Branch Office," shall be established in the city of Dublin, for the deposit of Irish private bills, subject to regulations [Bill 53.] Branch of Private Bill Office to be established in Dublin.

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A.D. 1881. by Standing Orders to be made from time to time for that purpose
— by each House of Parliament.

Examiners
for Commons
Bills to be
appointed by
the Speaker.

4. The examination of the petitions for private bills, which have been duly deposited in the Irish Private Bill Branch Office, shall be made in said branch office by one of the examiners who shall 5 be appointed for that purpose by Mr. Speaker in the case of private bills originating in the House of Commons, and in the case of private bills originating in the House of Lords by the examiner appointed for that purpose by the House.

Constitution
of tribunal.

5. The committee on a private bill originating in the House 10 of Lords shall consist exclusively of Irish representative peers or peers of Parliament connected with Ireland by having a residence in Ireland; and the committee on a private bill originating in the House of Commons shall consist exclusively of Irish members of Parliament; and any person who shall have served on any such 15 committee shall not be, without his consent, appointed to serve during the session of Parliament on a committee on any private bill not within the meaning of this Act.

Places of
meeting.

6. The committee on a private bill shall hold its sittings in Ireland while Parliament is not sitting, at any of the following places; 20 namely, the cities of Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Londonderry, Waterford, Kilkenny, Armagh, the towns of Belfast and Galway, or such of said cities and towns as the committee may appoint from time to time for that purpose.

Alteration
in Standing
Orders as
regards Ire-
land.

7. The Standing Orders of the House of Lords and of the House 25 of Commons respectively shall in future be so framed or modified from time to time as to give effect to and carry out the provisions of this Act.

Commence-
ment of Act.

8. This Act shall commence on *the first day of October one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.*

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Act only to
extend to
Ireland.

9. This Act shall only extend to Irish private bills.